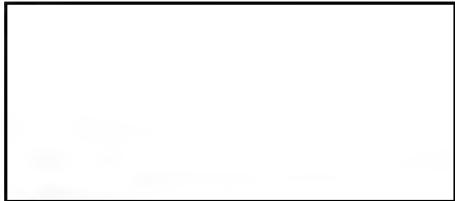


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*Dominican Republic: [In an effort to stave off political crisis and possibly even a military move against himself, President-elect Juan Bosch reportedly has decided to discard the new draft constitution which conservative Dominican elements consider excessively "revolutionary."]

[Bosch now plans to announce that he will govern temporarily under the existing constitution, allowing his Dominican Revolutionary party at least six months to draft a new one, and to use his inaugural speech on 27 February to mollify the business and professional classes as well as the armed forces.]

[The present controversial draft was drawn up by Bosch's party lieutenants while he was out of the country.]

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Panama: President Chiari hopes for an answer from President Kennedy next month on Panama's latest plea for a greater financial return from the Panama Canal.]

[Chiari informed Ambassador Farland on 21 February that he had prepared a letter for President Kennedy containing "a vigorous plea" to this effect and that he hopes the President will give him a definite answer at the time of the presidential meeting next month in Costa Rica.]

[Chiari also emphasized his view that the danger to Caribbean countries from Cuban subversion is increasing steadily. He proposed that the presidential meeting take several definite measures: obtaining the support of all the American republics for the complete isolation of the Castro regime, gaining their full cooperation in preventing travel to and from Cuba, supporting anti-Castro guerrillas in Cuba, and recognizing a Cuban government-in-exile.]

NOTES

Venezuela: [Communist leaders have decided to restrict their previously planned terrorist activities timed to coincide with President Betancourt's return to Venezuela on 28 February,]

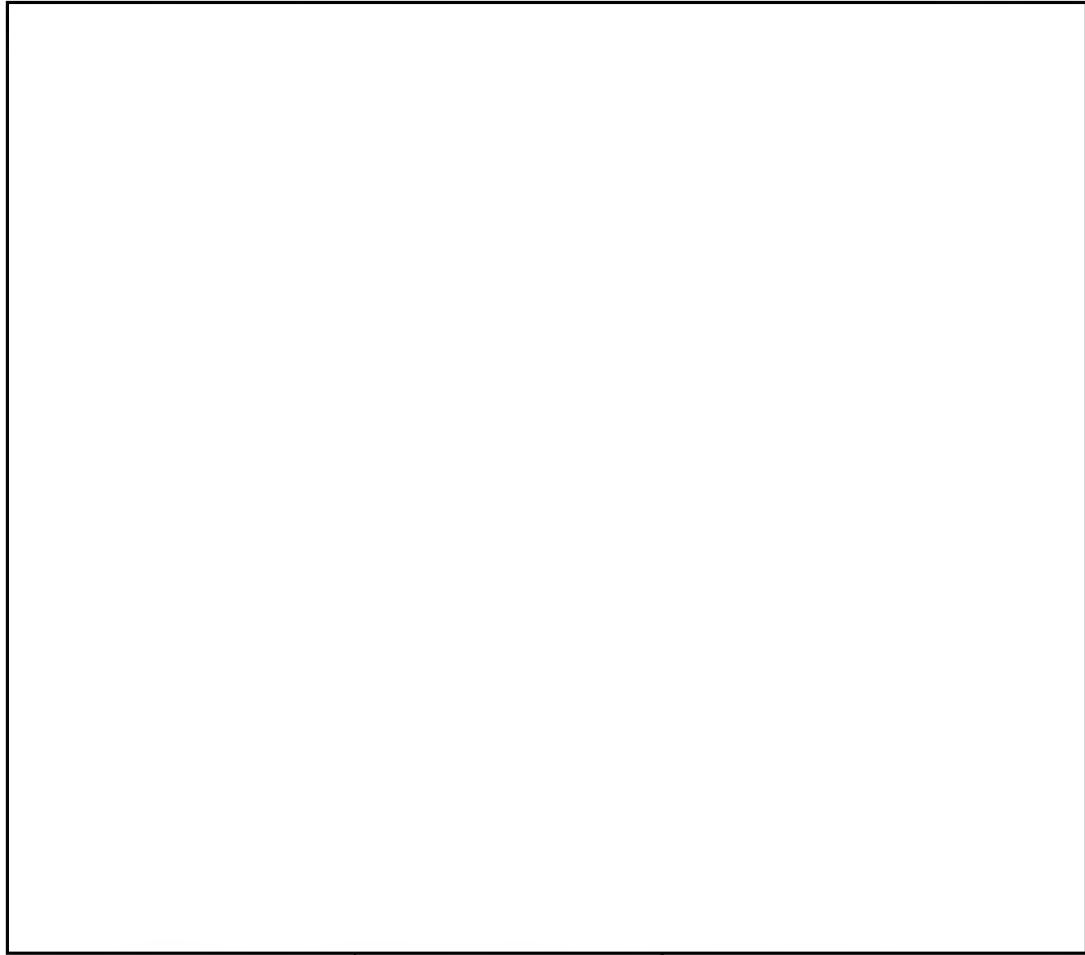
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[The Communists now plan only to attack medical supply firms and blow up key points on highways leading to Caracas, but not to sabotage oil installations and US business firms. They apparently feared that the wider actions might cause the government to declare illegal both the Communist Party and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left.]

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Turkey: Agitation for release of all political prisoners has been renewed and may lead to a new government crisis. The opposition Justice Party has broken a tacit truce on this explosive issue by calling for the freeing of all former supporters of the executed former premier Menderes. Public demonstrations backing the Justice Party's position might cause the military again to increase its pressure on the government. Differences over the amnesty issue within Premier Inonu's coalition could cause its collapse.

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Pakistan - Communist China: Foreign Minister Bhutto has announced that he is leaving for Peiping on 24 February to sign the recently negotiated Sino-Pakistani border agreement. This new demonstration by Pakistan of its good relations with Communist China will further offend Nehru and stiffen his resistance against making concessions in the Kashmir negotiations, which are to reconvene on 12 March in Calcutta.

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